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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DIRECTOR, STATE DEPARTMENT RECEPTION
CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO

1. MRS. BERNICE BEHRENS, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT'S SAN
FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER, PLANS TO VISIT JIDDA AND
KUWAIT ON PRIVATE ROUND-THE-WORLD VISIT TO 13 COUNTRIES
AND REQUESTS EMBASSIES ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HOTEL
RESERVATIONS (PAYMENT GUARANTEED).

2. ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

ARRIVE JIDDA 2015 HOURS DECEMBER 30 ON CHINA AIRWAYS 009
FROM SINGAPORE.

DEPART JIDDA 1425 HOURS JANUARY 3 RPT. 3 ON KUWAIT AIRWAYS
782 FOR KUWAIT. ARRIVE 1625.

DEPART KUWAIT 1150 HOURS JANUARY 5 RPT. 5 FOR EGYPT ON
EGYPT AIR 615.

3. MRS. BEHRENS IS CLOSE FRIEND OF FORMER AMBASSADOR
THACHER. MRS. BEHRENS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN RECEIVING
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LATE KING FAISAL IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1971 DURING HIS STAY

IN THAT CITY EN ROUTE FROM JAPAN TO WASHINGTON FOR STATE
VISIT, AND MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF AHMAD ABDULWAHHAB AT THAT
TIME. SHE IS ALSO FRIEND OF EDWARD DALY, PRESIDENT OF
WORLD AIRWAYS, WHO HAS ALERTED HIS SAUDI ARABIAN OFFICE
TO BE EXPECTING MRS. BEHRENS. MRS. BEHRENS WOULD APPRECI-
ATE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WOMEN LEADERS IN EDUCATION OR
OTHER FIELDS. MRS. BEHRENS WAS BORN IN 1910 AND HAS
BEEN DIRECTOR OF SF RECEPTION CENTER SINCE 1969. ROBINSON

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